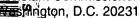
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK_OFFICE

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Atty. Dkt.: 2789-26



Date: September 22, 2000

Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: SÖNNING et al

Entitled: INTERLEAVER AND METHOD FOR

INTERLEAVING AN INPUT DATA BIT

SEQUENCE USING A CODED STORING OF SYMBOL AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

and including attachments as noted below:

Declaration, Abstract

pages of specification and claims (including 24 numbered claims), and

sheets of accompanying drawing/s. 13

Record & return the attached assignment to the undersigned.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which

is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

Application Number 99119009.1

Country EP

Day/Month/Year Filed

28 September 1999

, respectively.

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line -- This is a of PCT application , filed

, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120/365 based on the following prior PCT applications designating the U.S.,

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Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.

Filing Date

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

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this application.

Verified Statement attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 & 27)

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for

the reasons stated therein.

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee below.

Also attached:

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Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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